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**CALFED Bay-Delta Program**

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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director  
CalFed Bay-Delta Program  
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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

When I heard of the CalFed I thought that it might have a chance to work. The idea of one organization with all the agencies that have authority over water in this state getting together to solve the water problems that are facing us all. Unfortunately I have changed my mind, after trying to read the CalFed plan and trying to understand it, I have come to the conclusion that the plans only purpose is to provide water for the people in the southern part of this state.

The plan wants to increase the fish and wild life habit by taking out of production thousands of acres of farmable land. Land that uses water for farming. If the land goes to habitat for fish and wildlife it won't need the water and it will be excess water that will be claimed by the expanding population. It will never be used to improve the water quality in the bay-delta. Let CalFed start with the land that the government already owns to conduct habitat-restoration work. Taking valuable farmland out of production is not the answer.

CalFed needs to aggressively develop new water storage plans and develop plans to capture the excess water in the wet years. The plan as it stands does little to do this. It is not politically correct to build dams.

I believe that the plan as it stands will create more problems that it will solve. More time is needed to have public comments and hearings with the people that will be directly impacted by this plan. Use your power and influence to see that this plan works, extend the time for the final programmatic EIR/EIS.

Sincerely,

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